

# MADE HIM TIRED.

The Man with the New Typewriter Had Enough of It.

The man of manifestly fine sensibilities and literary cast of countenance had just procured a typewriter. He looked upon the machine as a commendable device tending to leave the intellect less trammelled by the task of giving expression to its thoughts.

The man of fine sensibilities conceived a great idea. "And now," he murmured exultingly, "away with the old time drudgery of writing."

His hand was poised above the keyboard and his glance wandered eagerly to and fro.

"Man is doomed to perpetual!"

A shade of vexation swept across his face.

"Man, man, m-m— I wonder where the m is. Oh, yes, m-m, a— where is the—right here—man is doomed!"

He had written the first word and his eyes betrayed a sort of anticipatory satisfaction as he leaned forward to contemplate the fruits of his labor.

"Plague take it! Forget the capital letter."

His cast of countenance was becoming less literary and more worldly all the time.

"Man is doomed!"

He had inserted a fresh sheet of paper into the machine with a suggestion of impatience.

"Capital m-m— curse the luck—behave I got the wrong letter!"

Only a cursory glance was necessary to confirm his suspicions.

"Wrote an hour for an n—damn it!"

He seemed to be very desirous of expressing a few hot and glowing sentiments, but forebore with an effort.

"Man is doomed!"

He was getting more paper.

"Man is doomed!"

With comparatively little difficulty he had reduced the words to writing.

"Man is doomed!"

A look of settled despair invested his features.

"I've forgotten to what in—man is doomed."

Then he of the manifestly fine sensibilities called to his wife the janitor, with whom he had long been on bad terms, and made him a present of the typewriter. —Detroit Tribune.

Not on Ledger Business.

"If I am not mistaken," said the caller, removing his hat deferentially, "I am in the presence of the grand and supremely exalted potentate of the Ancient and Honorable Order of Muckamucks."

"You are, sir," answered the man at the desk with an affable smile.

"Pardon the intrusion," said the caller in the same respectful manner, "and the familiarity with which I address you, but you spell your name S-m-y-t-h-e, do you not?"

"Yes, sir."

"And your initials, I think I am correct in saying, are K. W.?"

"That is correct."

"Thank you, Mr. Smythe. My name is Higgins—H-i-g-g-i-n-s—Higgins. I am glad to find you in, Mr. Smythe, after having made several previous attempts, without success, to make your acquaintance. I have the honor," he continued, putting his hat on brisly and taking a bundle of papers from his pocket, "to be the collector for the firm of Spotcash & Co., dealers in dry goods and general merchandise. If it is convenient, Mr. Smythe, you will oblige me very much by settling a little bill of seventy-five cents that has been running for six months and save me the trouble of having to climb these fogged, beastly, rickety, filthy old stairs again. Seventy-five cents, Mr. Smythe. Come down." —Chicago Tribune.

A Careless Sult.

Clara—Did you have anything extraordinary happen at the seashore last summer?

Maudie—Oh, yes; one man kept me waiting three days for an engagement ring.

Clara—Dear me! What was the cause of the delay?

Maudie—He ran out of them before he knew it, and had to send to New York for another installment. —Cloak Review.

Such a Tidy Housewife.

Mr. Platteman (who has been attempting to shave himself)—Quick, Arabella! fetch me a towel or something. I've nearly cut my throat, and it's bleeding terribly.

Mrs. Platteman—Oh, Henry, how inconsiderate you are—bleeding on the bedroom carpet, when I've often told you not to shave anywhere but in the bathroom! —New York Herald.

The Obstacle.

Barrows—I shall be very lonesome here now that you are going.

Fair Maid—May will console you.

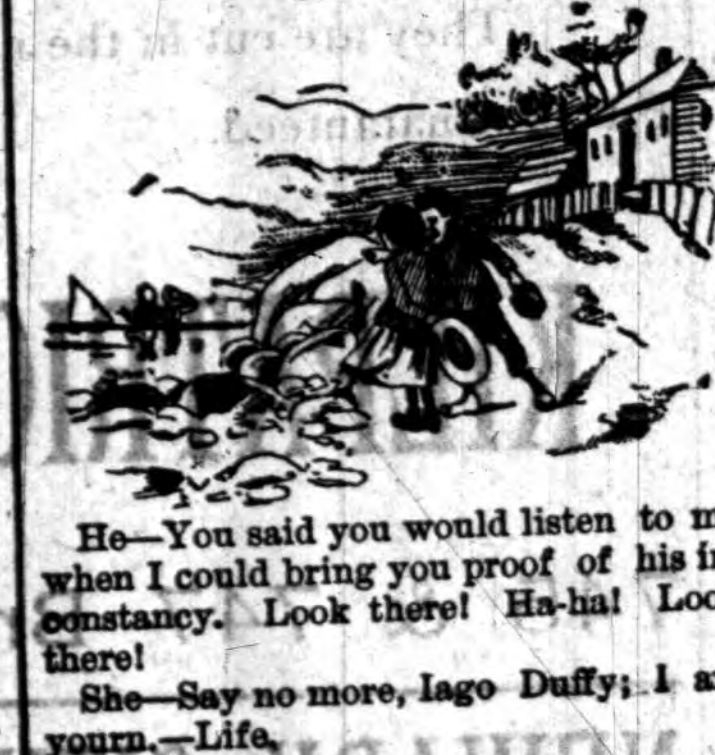
Barrows—I'm afraid not. I don't like to share my honors; and I am inclined to think I'd have to divvy up with that dog of hers. —Harper's Bazar.

Too Thin.

Fashionable methods do not always commend themselves to the common sense of everyday people, who are apt to think more of comfort than of more aesthetic considerations. At an "at home" of a country gentleman's wife, says an exchange, the footman was called upon to do duty as butler.

He was much taken aback by the extreme thinness of the slices of bread and butter with which he had to serve the guests. Finally, as he was passing the plate to an old dowager for the third time, he remarked in a very audible whisper:

"If you slap three or four pieces together, m-m-m, maybe you can get a bite." —Youth's Companion.



Conclusive.

He—You said you would listen to me when I could bring you proof of his inconsistency. Look there! Ha-hal! Look there!

She—Say no more, Iago. Duffy, I am yours. —Life.

What She Did Do.

One of the finest distinctions possible was once drawn by an estimable woman who belonged to the army of restless busy American housewives, whose god is their work. She begrudged sadly the time spent in enforced idleness on Sunday. Her conscience did not permit her usual round of work, yet her hands refused to lie contentedly in her lap. "I never sew on Sunday," she said, and sighed; "never, of course. But I admit"—she lowered her voice—"I sometimes lock myself up in my room and baste a little!" —Argonaut.

A Poser.

"There is no position in life, however great, however noble," shouted the orator, "to which the humblest citizen of this great republic, if he but put forth an effort, may not attain!"

"How about the presidency of a fat man's club?" asked a little lean man in the midst of the audience, standing on his chair that he might be better seen whereat the vast concourse of listening humanity was so affected that the major portion actually shed tears. —Indianapolis Journal.

Different Altogether.

She—How dare you ask to kiss me when you have only known me two weeks?

He—I beg your pardon, but Jack Hurdlow said the night he called he had only known you a week.

She—True. But mother was not in the next room that night. —New York Herald.

Thrifty Soul.

Visiting Aunt (to Chicago relative)—Next year, Dora, I suppose you will pull your front curtains down in May and not raise them again till the last of October.

Chicago Niece—Oh, but we are really going abroad next summer, Aunt Rachel. It will be cheaper. —Chicago Tribune.

He Had Seen It.

Featherstone—I don't see how you manage to make your complexion look so fresh, Miss Clara, after a season at the seashore.

Miss Clara Slimson—Easy enough; I bathe my face in cream every night.

Little Willie—Yes, sis, and I guess it must come from a red cow. —Cloak Review.

Plenty of Clothes.

A jestlet was born into the world.

"Why," it sighed, "do you send me out into the world so poorly clad?"

"Fear not," replied its author, "for though my needy wit can but scantily clothe you, you shall have many a new dress ere your career in the comic papers is ended." —Washington Star.

Contaminated.

Mr. Bilkins (a seaside cottager)—I notice you always go to a private bathing establishment. Why don't you bathe in the ocean?

Mrs. Bilkins—The ocean? Goodness me! Why, all these hotel boarders bathe in it. —New York Weekly.

Not an Entirely Unknown Quantity.

"In the example on the board," said the teacher of the class in algebra, "what does the X represent? Lucy Forbes may answer."

"It represents a pair of suspenders," hazarded the frightened little girl, regarding it intently. —Chicago Tribune.

With a Meddler.

"What you have just said is not at all reassuring."

"That is all I can do for the sum you gave me. For two dollars you could have a most brilliant future." —Boston Courier.

The Trail.

Through ridges trees the autumn breeze will sweep, be blowing, wild and keen, and back in town, in autumn gown, the summer girl can now be seen.

It gives us joy to have her here, her presence adds we gladly hail, for as we gaze we note with gloe the growing shortness of the trail.

As on the street each maiden sweet goes tripping back from sea and shore, she does not sweep as clean a sweep as with the trail she had of yore.

It leaves behind some particles. To greet the footsteps of the male who follows, and who smiles to see the growing shortness of the trail.

Oh, trail, get brief, and by your leave we men can have some room to walk. Keep on and grow much shorter, so we can, with greater freedom, stalk. Let stern ambition make you rise. Until the ankle you assail.

And then we'll bless with never song the growing shortness of the trail. —Cloak Review.

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